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SUBJECT: LEBANON TERRORISM FINANCE: DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF ABU GHADIYAH NETWORK

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(SBU) Head of the Americas' Desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Ussama Khachab contacted the Embassy on July 2 on behalf of caretaker Minister of Foreign Affairs Fawzi Salloukh. Khachab said Minister Salloukh asked him to relay a verbal response for the Dip Note sent on March 12, 2008 to then Acting Foreign Minister Tariq Mitri regarding the U.S. designation of four Syria-based individuals affiliated with al-Qaeda. Khachab said, "Based upon the inquiry made by the (Lebanese) Special Investigation Commission (SIC) for Fighting Money Laundering and Terrorist Finance, there are no bank accounts in Lebanon for the following persons: Badran Turki al-Mazidih, Ghazy al-Mazidih, Akram Turki al-Mazidih and Saddah al-Marsumi."

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